

A Few Notes on the Bible Journal

This project was a New Year's Resolution in 2011- to "journal" the whole bible in 2012. I started with enthusiasm and excitement, but unfortunately soon bogged down. I actually reached January 15, 2012 before (temporarily) abandoning the work. I took the journal up again in 2014, vowing to finish this time.

There were a few "interruptions" along the way, notably my 30th Anniversary Renewal in June 2014, and the subsequent one week vacation in Maine a week later. At the end of my writing I was about 4 days behind, which I finished in a "two day sprint" at the end.

Several questions may occur as you peruse these pages:

- 1) Why the font choice? Eleven point Arial seemed a good compromise between style and readability. I actually despise the Times Roman font!
- 2) Why the translation? I have read and studied the NIV translation for years, and find it both readable and accurate. Occasionally I indulge in the KJV mostly for poetry and verses remembered from childhood.
- 3) Why so much Wikipedia? I actually used the Bible Gateway for most of the cutting and pasting of Scripture, but found Wikipedia to be a decent source of background and some commentary.
- 4) Why so much Scripture (quoted directly)? I can't improve on the materials. God's Word is priceless, my comments are just that- my comments.
- 5) Is this a commentary? No- this is my attempt to simply reflect on the Scripture as I read it, with a little "external" commentary when things got complicated or hard to understand.
- 6) What Bible reading plan did you use? I used the one provided to me at my Emmaus Walk in September 2011, which includes both OT and NT readings each day. A copy is attached.
- 7) Who do you hope ever reads any of this? Anyone interested in a lay person's reflections. I have a hope that my children may read some of this journal as a way to remember their Dad.

I hope it is a blessing to someone else. It was certainly one to me.

God bless you as you read and discover God's wonderful Word and the uncountable treasures that lie therein. May He bless and guide you always.

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